

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A transport container for slides for immunological labeling of thin tissue sections comprising: a left and a right sidewall, a backwall and a frontwall joined together to form a peripheral delimiting wall having interior and exterior sides, a base attached to the peripheral delimiting wall closing off the transport container, at least one peripheral step formed in the interior side of the peripheral delimiting wall, and wherein said base comprises first and second elevations and a planar flattened area located at the same level as the slide operatively arranged for providing additional support to said slide, said first and second elevations being cup-shaped with a depression closed off by said planar flattened area, said depression of said first elevation having a cross-section in the form of a circle, and the depression of the second elevation having a cross-section in the form of a rectangle with rounded edges.

2. (Previously presented) The transport container as defined in Claim 1, wherein said at least one peripheral step in said interior side of said peripheral delimiting wall is continuous.

3. (Original) The transport container as defined in Claim 2, wherein at least one stop is embodied respectively on the left sidewall and on the right sidewall.

4. (Original) The transport container as defined in Claim 1, wherein the transport container is stackable in a stack, such that the base of one transport container constituting in each case the cover for a transport container located beneath it.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The transport container as defined in Claim 1, wherein the delimiting wall of the transport container has embodied on it in the region of the front wall two grip recesses that are arranged opposite one another.

8. (Previously presented) The transport container as defined in Claim 1, wherein the delimiting wall of the transport container has shaped on it in the region of the back wall two parallel lugs that serve partially as guides for arranging the transport container in the stack.

9. (Previously presented) The transport container as defined in any of Claim 1, wherein the delimiting wall has embodied in the left and the right sidewall at least one protrusion in each case, operatively arranged so the slide does not contact the left or right sidewall in the region of the protrusion.

10. (Previously presented) The transport container as defined in Claim 1, wherein the transport container is fabricated from a dimensionally stable material.

11. (Original) The transport container as defined in Claim 10, wherein the transport container is injection molded.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)